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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2, WDGS:

Subject: Implementation of Pacific MIRS.

1. The following action has been taken to establish and put Pacific MIRS in operation:

- a. Sept 7 Pacific MIRS established at Camp Ritchie, Md.
- b. Sept 14 Adjutant General issued orders directing Army theater commanders to send all captured Japanese documents to MID Washington.
- c. Sept 18 Intensive training of MIRS complement of personnel for Pacific MIRS commenced.
- d. Sept 18 U.S. Navy transmitted initial shipment (2800 lbs) captured Japanese documents to MID.

2. Drafts of proposed letters have been prepared requesting:

a. A. C. of A. S., Intelligence, AAF, to provide an initial allotment of personnel consisting of five officers and 12 enlisted men for exploitation of documents pertaining to Japanese aviation.

b. DNI to initiate action:

- no*
- (1) To have all documents captured in Navy theater transmitted to MID.
 - (2) To have 25 Japanese language specialists detailed for duty with MID for exploitation of captured Japanese documents.
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c. Establish formal liaison with technical intelligence services of ASF.

3. The following action remains to be taken:

a. Request A. C. of A. S., (I), RAF, to initiate action to have all captured documents pertaining to Japanese Air Forces which fall into the hands of the RAF, transmitted to MID.

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✓ b. Request A. C. of A. S. (I), RAF, to provide an initial allotment of five officers and 12 enlisted men for the exploitation of Japanese documents pertaining to Japanese aviation.

✓ c. Consummation of Proposed Agreement with DMI (Tab A) providing:

- (1) Action to have British theaters send all captured documents pertaining to Japanese Ground Forces to MID.
- (2) An initial allotment of British personnel consisting of six officers and 38 enlisted men for the exploitation of captured documents pertaining to Japanese Ground Forces.

4. Personnel requirements for the exploitation of all captured Japanese documents will be based on the volume of raw material received together with results obtained therefrom. Several months of operational experience will be required to determine these facts. Since large quantities of Japanese documents are being captured and our knowledge of the Japanese Armed Forces is incomplete the results will be of considerable value. Experience in SWPA indicates that a larger number of specialized language personnel is required for the exploitation of Japanese documents than for equivalent exploitation in other languages.

5. The British have the only available untapped source of highly qualified Japanese language specialists. These are the Canadian nisei, a class not accepted in the British Armed Forces. Considerable time will be required to examine and process this personnel and to give them elementary military training. For the above reasons, it is believed that the number of language personnel now requested should exceed presently foreseeable requirements to provide against inevitable delays in future procurement. Since the British probably have no facilities for handling nisei, it is suggested that the facilities of the HTSLS (Fort Snelling) be made available for their training in order to save time.

6. It is recommended that Proposed Agreement with DMI (Tab A) providing for transmission of captured documents and participation of British personnel be consummated.

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